

Cattle and Calves

Arizona's inventory of cattle and calves taken on January 1, 2001, was estimated at 850,000 head, up 10,000 head from the previous year. The 2000 calf crop of 275,000 was down 5,000 head from the 1999 calf crop. The value of Arizona cattle on January 1 was \$629 million, up 9 percent.

Monthly beef cattle prices varied by \$8.90 per hundredweight during 2000 from a low of \$63.80 in August to a high of \$72.70 in December. The marketing year average price for beef cattle increased \$3.70 per hundredweight to \$68.60. The annual average steer and heifer price increased \$3.90 to \$69.10 per hundredweight and the annual average calf price increased \$16.60 to \$102.00 per hundredweight. The annual average price for cows increased \$2.10 per hundredweight to \$36.20.

Cattle and calf marketings were up 11 percent to 885 million pounds and the gross income from these marketings increased 19 percent to \$624 million.

Arizona's feedlot operators marketed 335,000 head during 2000. Feedlot inventories ranged from 257,000 head on September 1 to 298,000 head on December 1.

Arizona's 20 livestock slaughtering establishments produced 390.3 million pounds of red meat during 2000, up 9 percent from the 1999 slaughter. Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 529,400 head, up 8 percent from 1999.

Arizona Cattle Inventory January 1, 1981-2001

